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Library of Congress Acquires Berliner Collection

The Library has recently added a large collection of material relating to Emile Berliner (1851-1929), to add to its already extensive holdings in this area. Mr. Berliner is best known today for his invention of the lateral cut disc gramophone record which became the basis for the modern recording industry. Robert Sanders, Berliner's grandson, has donated a large portion of his private collection of recordings, photographs, correspondence, scrapbooks, and other memorabilia, including experimental equipment, relating to his grandfather.

Emile Berliner, who lived most of his life in Washington, D.C., was one of the most important inventors active in the fields of electricity, acoustics, and communications. In addition to the phono disc, he is credited with the invention or perfection of a number of items, including the loose contact transmitter which became the radio microphone, the "Gramophone" (his name for a talking machine), and acoustic tiles.

Among the many important items in the Sanders gift is a series of 197 early gramophone records, many of which are experimental or unpublished recordings dating from the 1890s or earlier. A number of these recordings contain the voice of Berliner himself on acid etched zinc discs. There is also a series of zinc "letters" recorded in Germany by Berliner's brother Manfred and mailed to Emile in Washington, D.C. The collection also contains a number of recordings made by actress Ada Rehan in 1898 as well as records relating to the Berliner Gramophone Co. of Montreal made shortly after the company opened in 1900.

Equally important are a set of scrapbooks maintained by Berliner and the printed transcripts of court litigations involving the telephone and the gramophone which Mr. Berliner collected and had bound into volumes. Besides photographs and numerous newspaper and periodical clippings, one can find letters to Berliner from many

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scientists and businessmen. Included among these are letters from such well-known persons as Cyrus W. Field, Gilbert Grosvenor, and Atwater Kent. There are also letters from Fred W. Gaisberg, Alfred Clark, and others active in the early days of the recording industry.

Berliner was involved in diverse projects outside the field of scientific experimentation. A considerable part of the Sanders gift documents Berliner's activities connected with health, particularly the health of children. For example, he labored long and hard to have pure milk legislation put into effect in the District of Columbia and elsewhere, work which resulted in saving the life and health of many millions of U.S. children. All his corresondence connected with this subject is gathered into a special scrapbook.

Together with other Berliner memorabilia already received in recent years from Mr. Sanders, Robert Frank, and other Berliner descendants, this recent gift makes the Library of Congress the largest single source of information on the life and work of this famous inventor. All of the material will be made available to qualified research scholars through the Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division and other specialized divisions of the Library.

Symposium Planned on Demetrio Aguilera Malta

The Hispanic Division of the Library of Congress, in cooperation with the Embassy of Ecuador and the U.S. Department of State, will hold a symposium entitled "Demetrio Aguilera Malta: Precursor of the 'Boom' in Latin American Literature" on Monday, April 21, from 2:30 to 5 p.m. in the Whittall Pavilion. Mr. Aguilera Malta, who is currently serving as Ecuador's Ambassador to Mexico, is his country's best known contemporary novelist and is considered the major precursor of what has become known as the "Boom" in Latin American literature. He will be the principal speaker at the symposium.

Gregory Rabassa, Queens College, New York, who prepared the English translation of Aguilera Malta's *Seven Moons*, will talk about translating the work of Aguilera Malta. Mr. Rabassa won the National Book Award for his translation of Julio Cortázar's *Hopscotch* and the P.E.N. Club Prize for rendering into English Gabriel García Marquez' *Autumn of the Patriarch*. Other critics who will discuss the novelist's work are Velia Márquez, an editor from Mexico City, and Clementine Christos Rabassa of Medgar Evers College, City University of New York, the author of a book in press dealing with the subject of social justice in the work of Aguilera Malta. Saul Sosnowski, who chairs the Department of Romance Languages, University of Maryland, will be the moderator and will comment on the presentations of the symposium participants.

The public is invited to this literary event. An informal reception will follow.

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LC and NCLIS Announce Joint Study

The Library of Congress and the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) have announced a joint undertaking, a comprehensive study of existing governmental library resources and services around the country. Its purpose will be to propose ways to improve coordination of Federal libraries and information resources and services to meet national and local needs. The Library has invited Alphonse F. Trezza, currently executive director of NCLIS, to direct the study, which will be carried on within the framework of the Federal Library Committee from July 1 of this year to December 31, 1981.

The Federal Library Committee (FLC), established in 1965 with its secretariat in the Library of Congress, is responsible for the study and development of the Federal library structure and for promotion of more effective Federal library service to the nation at large. In response to Executive Order 11647 of February 1972, amended and broadened in July 1973, FLC expanded its membership to include representatives from the 10 Federal Regional Councils established by that order. The councils are the major interagency mechanism to insure that Federal information policies responsive to the concerns of state and local governments are carried out.

Delegates to the recent White House Conference

Alphonse F. Trezza

on Library and Information Services adopted a number of resolutions addressing the role of Federal libraries and information centers in a nationwide network. They strongly emphasized the important contributions Federal libraries and information centers could make and stressed the need to avoid overlapping and duplication of services and resources. The conference resolutions were an extension of the NCLIS call in its National Program Document, "Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action," for the planning, development, and implementation of a cooperative nationwide information system.

The transfer of funds from NCLIS to the Library of Congress for this project will enable both agencies to take the initial step toward a realization of these important goals of FLC and NCLIS and the recommendations of the White House Conference.

Mr. Trezza, who is leaving the commission June 30, has served as executive director since 1975, coming to the post from the Illinois State Library, of which he was director from 1970 to 1975. He served as associate executive director for administrative services of the American Library Association, 1967-70, and associate executive director of ALA and executive secretary, Library Administration Division of ALA, 1960-67. He was executive director of the Catholic Library Association and editor of *Catholic Library World*, 1956-60. From 1945 to 1956 he held library positions in the Free Library of Philadelphia, at Villanova University, and at the University of Pennsylvania, where he headed the circulation department, 1950-56.

He is the author of numerous journal articles and contributions to books. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa, he holds a library certificate from Drexel University (1949) and the M.S. degree from the University of Pennsylvania (1950). The Illinois Library Association honored him with the Special Librarian's Citation in 1965 and the Librarian's Citation in 1974; he was given the Outstanding Alumnus Award from Drexel Graduate School of Library Science in 1963. He has been a lecturer in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Catholic University since 1975.

1980-81 Intern Program Canceled

Because of fiscal uncertainties, the Library has decided to cancel the 1980-81 Intern Program. Library management reached this decision reluctantly and plans, if the situation improves, to reinstitute the program next year.

The present uncertainty about the level of funding for Library operations for fiscal year 1981 requires that the Library be cautious about future hiring commitments. The Library does not wish to offer employment commitments it may not be able to keep.

Nominees, library school deans, and other persons affected by the decision have been notified.

Three Australian Poets Will Read on April 21

Three Australian poets—Vincent Buckley, David Malouf, and Les A. Murray—will read from their work in the Library's Coolidge Auditorium on Monday evening, April 21. The program, which is sponsored by the Gertrude Clarke Whittall Poetry and Literature Fund, will begin at 8 p.m. No tickets are required. Following the reading, the audience will have the opportunity to meet the poets.

Vincent Buckley was born in 1925 in Romsey, Victoria, and was educated at the University of Melbourne, where he received his B.A. and M.A. degrees, and at Cambridge University. Mr. Buckley is founder and coeditor of the radical Catholic journal, *Prospect*. He is the author of several works of criticism, among them *Poetry and Morality* (1959) and *Poetry and the Sacred* (1968). His books of poems include *The World's Flesh* (1954), *Matters in Israel* (1961), *Arcady and Other Places* (1966), and *Golden Builders* (1975). Two additional collections of his poetry, *The Pattern* and *Late Winter Child*, were published recently.

David Malouf was born in Brisbane. His father's family had moved to Australia in the 1880s from Lebanon and his mother's family from London just before World War I. He was educated at the University of Queensland, where he taught for two years after receiving his degree. At the age of 24, Mr. Malouf left Australia and remained abroad for nearly 10 years, teaching in England and traveling in Europe. He returned to Australia in 1968, but has recently moved to Italy. Mr. Malouf has written two novels, *Johnno* (1975) and *An Imaginary Life* (1978), and many books of poetry, including *Bicycle and Other Poems* (1970), *Neighbours in a Thicket* (1974), and *The Year of the Foxes and Other Poems* (1979).

Les A. Murray was born in 1938 and grew up on a dairy farm in the forested hill country of the New South Wales north coast. Educated at a number of country schools and at Sydney University, Mr. Murray hitchhiked over most of Australia before settling in Canberra, and later in Sydney. He is now a freelance writer. Among Mr. Murray's books of poems are *The Ilex Tree* (1965), *The Weatherboard Cathedral* (1969), and *Lunch and Counter Lunch* (1974). His most recent books are a verse novel entitled *The Boys Who Stole the Funeral* and a collection of poems, *Ethnic Radio.*

Next Juilliard Concerts Scheduled for April 17-18

The Juilliard String Quartet will perform quartets by Bartók, Beethoven, and Haydn in the Coolidge Auditorium on Thursday and Friday evenings, April 17 and 18. The members of the quartet—violinists Robert Mann and Earl Carlyss, violist Samuel Rhodes, and cellist Joel Krosnick—will use Stradivari instruments given to the Library of Congress by Gertrude Clarke Whittall in 1935-36, and the concert is sponsored by the Whittall Foundation.

The works performed will be Haydn's Quartet in B flat major, Op, 103, written in 1803 but left incomplete at the composer's death in 1809; Bartók's Quartet No. 1, Op. 7 (1908); and the Quartet in F major, Op. 59, No. 1 (1805-06) of Beethoven.

The concert will begin promptly at 8 p.m. Tickets will be distributed beginning 8:30 a.m. on Monday, April 14, at the Patrick Hayes box office, 1330 G St. N.W. (Jordan-Kitt's). Two tickets will be distributed to an individual with a service charge of 25 cents per ticket. Telephone reservations may be made on Monday morning by calling 393-4463.

The concert on Friday evening will be broadcast live by radio station WETA-FM and made available to stations in other cities through the Katie and Walter Louchheim Fund in the Library of Congress.

Library Launches Retrospective Name Authority Project

As part of its total program to prepare for the adoption of AACR 2, the Library of Congress has begun a special project to add 104,000 retrospective name authority records to the MARC data base. The records are those used from three to twenty-four times in bibliographic records on the MARC tapes. (Those used more than 24 times are already in process.) The records will be made available to libraries through the MARC Distribution Service and *Name Authorities* (COM edition).

The conversion project, which is being carried out on contract, is divided into two phases. The first phase involves searching the Library's manual name authority file and selecting appropriate records which are then revised editorially and flagged if the heading conforms to AACR 2. Those records not flagged will eventually be altered by the Library of Congress to conform to AACR 2. Biospherics, Inc., is carrying out this phase of the project.

The second phase is funded by a grant from the Council on Library Resources, Inc., through its Bibliographic Service Development Program, as part of the Council's work toward implementing a nationwide, shared authority file service. The contractor, Electronic Keyboarding, Inc., is handling full MARC tagging of the records and the creation of full records in machine-readable form. These records are returned to the Library of Congress on tape for loading into the files. Several thousand records have already been completed and distributed. Retrospective records will be converted and distributed at the rate of 2,000 per week.

The project began late in 1979 and is expected to last a year. The Library of Congress has been entering all of its new authority records and a smaller portion of its retrospective records to the automated data base for several years. With the addition of the special project records, the file should contain approximately 500,000 records by January 1981.

Benjamin Custer Retires After Quarter Century as Dewey Editor

Benjamin A. Custer, editor and chief of the Decimal Classification Division since 1956, retired on February 29 after almost 27 years of Federal Service.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree from Oberlin College in 1931 and a bachelor's degree in library science from Western Reserve University in 1932, he worked as a cataloger and classifier in the New York Public Library until 1939. He then spent

STAFF NEWS

Staff Members Learn How to Cope With Stress

"Making Stress Work for You," a two-part program sponsored by the Women's Program Advisory Committee on March 5 and 6, attracted an estimated 400 staff members. The staff of the Buildings Management Division quickly and efficiently moved the standing-room-only crowd from the Whittall Pavilion to the Coolidge Auditorium so that everyone could be seated.

In her one-hour talk on March 5, Sharon Connelly, president of Resource Development Systems, pointed out that different people need varying degrees of stress to reach their peak levels of productivity. Some people, she explained, are like race horses and thrive on a great deal of stress or pressure. Others are more like turtles and can only stand a small amount of stress before they retreat into their shells. It is important to make sure the demands of a job match a person's particular needs.

The speaker said the four primary causes of job stress are work overload, role ambiguity, role conflict, and inter-office politics. She suggested a number of coping strategies, including positive thinking, exercise, conscious relaxation, and the development of support systems.

The following day offered a follow-up panel discussion led by Rosemary DeCarlo, chair of the Program Subcommittee. One member of the panel was Delia Clafee, a nurse practitioner at the Library, who said that as a homeopathic health practitioner she is concerned with the spiritual and mental health as well as the bodily condition of each patient. Other members of the panel were Marjorie Mastrangelo representing the Health Assistance Committee and Women's Program Advisory Committee members Joyce Garber from the Publishing Office and Rick Neldon from Catalog Publication Division.

Additional copies of the handouts distributed at the program may be obtained in the Women's Program Office, LCB-G104B.

Pakistan Field Director Alvin Moore Retires

Alvin Moore, Jr., field director of the Library of Congress Office in Karachi, Pakistan, retired on February 29 after completing over 32 years of U.S. Government service, nearly three decades of it with the Library. Mr. Moore had worked in the Library's overseas program since 1964, when he was assigned to the New Delhi office as administrative officer.

Mr. Moore joined the staff in 1951, and except for a brief period outside the Library in 1954 worked in the Stack and Reader, Rare Book, and Exchange and Gift Divisions. In 1962, he was named assistant chief of the Stack and Reader Division. After moving into the Overseas Operations Division, Mr. Moore rose to become assistant and then associate field director for the New Delhi office and, in 1968, field director of the office in Nairobi. In 1974 he was named to the post in Karachi.

Concurrently with his Nairobi and Karachi assignments, he served for periods as acting field director of the Library of Congress in Cairo. In 1971, he received a Meritorious Service Award and cash award for his performance in carrying out these concurrent assignments. In November 1979, he and Mrs. Moore were evacuated from Pakistan along with other American officials and their families following the burning of the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad.

Mr. Moore's previous Federal service includes a tour of duty with the U.S. Army Air Force in 1942-45. He earned a bachelor's degree in history from George Washington University in 1951.

On March 17, Mr. Moore was guest of honor at a luncheon held by his colleagues at a nearby restaurant. Mr. and Mrs. Moore will make their retirement home in Carrollton, Ga.

Martha Hatfalvi Receives 25-Year Pin

Martha Hatfalvi, entry editor in the *New Serials Titles* Section of the Serial Record Division, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award by Robert R. Holmes, Acting Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, on February 27.

James Stewart Reaches 20-Year Mark

James E. Stewart, head of the Telephone Inquiry Section, was presented a 20-year Federal Service Award pin on Friday, February 29, by Ellen Z. Hahn, chief of the General Reading Rooms Division.

A native of Washington, D.C., Mr. Stewart received his bachelor of arts and master of library science degrees from the University of Maryland. He came to the Library in February 1960, working first

in the former Catalog Maintenance Division where he served in several units until July 1961, when he transferred to the Descriptive Cataloging Division. In October 1962, he was named assistant reference librarian in the Telephone Inquiry Unit in the former General Reference and Bibliography Division. Since then he has held increasingly responsible positions and was appointed section head in September 1978.

A reception attended by coworkers was held in his honor in the division office.

Fifteen Receive 10-Year Pins

During March, 15 Library staff members completed 10 years of service and received Federal Service Award pins:

Carolyn D. Anthony	Federal Research Division
N. J. Billingsley, Jr.	Cataloging Distribution Service
Charlotte Bolton	Network Development Office
George C. Fullen	American-British Law Division
Denise A. Jones	Records Management Division
William A. Lipford	Economics Division
Barbara Puls McClure	Education and Public Welfare Division
Mary Ann McFarland	Cataloging Division
Natalie Metenkanich	Shared Cataloging Division
Andrew R. Porvaznik	Procurement and Supply Division
Van A. Rice	Cataloging Distribution Service
Grace M. Ross	Office of Planning and Development
Earl W. Scott	Automated Systems Office
William Vernigor II	Shared Cataloging Division
Virginia J. Vitucci	Automated Systems Office

Exhibit Documents History of Downtown Washington

"Two Centuries of Change: The Idea of Downtown Washington" is an exhibit which traces Washington's development through 193 photographs. Many of the pictures were copied from the collections of the Library. The exhibit, organized by the City Museum Project, is on display in the Rotunda of the Cannon House Office Building at the New Jersey Avenue and Independence Avenue S.E. entrance through April 14.

Congressman Walter E. Fauntroy, a sponsor of the exhibit, said the display "emphasizes the distinctive history, origins, and accomplishments of Washington's residents, enduring neighborhoods, commercial enterprises, and local institutions." One series of pictures depicts Pennsylvania Avenue as it was in 1861, a country road, and shows its various stages of growth to its present development as one of the main arteries in the District of Columbia.

Staff Activities

Alice Birney, subject cataloger in theater and English literature, participated in a week-long workshop held at the Kennedy Center from March 1-8. Part of the Actors in Residence program, the seminar was cosponsored by the Folger Institute of Renaissance and Eighteenth-Century Studies, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Library. During the week of discussions, actors from the Royal Shakespeare Company met with a panel of selected academics and a group of 35 scholars and students to investigate problems in the staging and interpretation of Shakespeare.

John Y. Cole, executive director of the Center for the Book, was the concluding speaker at Library History Seminar VI, "Libraries and Culture," held in Austin, Tex., on March 19-22. The seminar was sponsored by the *Journal of Library History* and the Graduate School of Library Science and the Division of Continuing Education at the University of Texas.

Jurij Dobczansky, European Divison, is the coauthor of an article dealing with the case of Lev Lukyanenko, a Ukrainian jurist and founding member of the Ukrainian Public Group to Promote the Implementation of the Helsinki Accords. The article, entitled "A Question of Censorship: Lev Lukyanenko's Letter to *Literaturna Ukraina,*" written with Walter Parchomenko, appears in the Spring 1980 issue of *Nationalities Papers.* The semiannual journal is published at Eastern Illinois University by the Association for the Study of the Nationalities (U.S.S.R. and East Europe). Mr. Lukyanenko's letter discusses freedom of access and information in the Ukrainian S.S.R.

Floyd D. Hedrick, chief of the Procurement and Supply Division, was recently honored by the

Small Business Administration for his contribution to SBA's publication program. Mr. Hedrick compiled a bibliography entitled "Purchasing for Owners of Small Plants." This is the second publication he has written for SBA in the past three years.

Parkash Samuel, subject cataloger in the physical sciences, assumed the responsibilities of chair of the William S. Culbertson Library Committee of the National Presbyterian Church and Center, Washington, D.C., in January. A specialized collection of materials, the library is designed to assist in the preaching, teaching, counseling, and the evangelistic ministries of the church and center.

Three staff members contributed articles to the recent publication of *The Nature and Future of the Catalog* (Oryx Press). The publication includes the edited proceedings of two cataloging institutes sponsored by the American Library Association on "The Catalog: Its Nature and Prospects" and "The Catalog in the Age of Technological Change."

Deputy Librarian **William J. Welsh** is the author of a piece on "The Continuing Role of the Library of Congress in National Bibliographic Control." **Joseph H. Howard**, Assistant Librarian for Processing Services, wrote about "The Library of Congress as the National Bibliographic Service." Chief of Descriptive Cataloging **John D. Byrum** coauthored, with Frances Hinton of the Free Library of Philadelphia, an article entitled "The Newest *Anglo-American Cataloging Rules.*"

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Nancy Cochrane, research analyst, GS-9, FRD, 00096; Aurelia Cox, position classification and organization specialist, GS-11, Pers, 00017; Harold Cribbs, special policeman private, SP-7, Bldgs, 91099; Sylvester Heath, special policeman private, SP-7, Bldgs, 91099; Elizabeth Holman, clerical assistant, GS-4, LERO, 00108; Clarencetta Jelks, manuscript librarian, GS-9, Mss, 91004; Leonard Koch, analyst in science and technology, GS-7, CRS S, 00010; Ferolyn Meyer, preliminary cataloger, GS-5, Desc Cat, 91071; JoAnn Nydeggar, nurse, GS-9, Pers, 00139.

Temporary Appointments: Derrick Barnes, deck attendant, GS-2, Col Mgmt, GR-112; William Chiantella, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Lucille Espinoza, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Maura Hennessy, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Jorge Lopez, deck attendant, GS-3, Col Mgmt, GR-113; Jacinta Pegram, deck attendant, GS-2, Col Mgmt, GR-112.

Reappointments: Geraldine Quarles, payroll clerk, GS-4, FMO, 01135.

Temporary Reappointment: Michael Hook, issue brief clerk, GS-4, CRS AIS, 91123.

Promotions: Juanita Austin, to senior film editor, GT-6, Photodup, 00069; Charles Bailey, Photodup, to issue brief clerk, GS-4, CRS AIS, 91123; Earl O. Carter, Jr., to assistant computer room supervisor, GS-8, ASO, 91131; Lawrence Cash, to laborer, WG-3, Bldgs, AM-111B; William Gaymon, to computer systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 00076; Jeffrey Griffith, to specialist in automated information systems, GS-12, CRS AIS, 00005; Patricia Jumbelick, to senior film editor, GT-6, Photodup, 00069; James Kimball, Preserv, to researcher examiner trainee, GT-7, Photodup, 00013; Jean Kridle, to supervisory copyright bibliographer, GS-11, Cop Inf & Ref, 91112; Daphine Lee, CDS, to editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS L, 00117; Barry McCord, to computer systems analyst, GS-13, ASO, 91072; Diana McCray, NLS/BPH, to secretary (typing), GS-6, CS, 91101; Allene McDuffie, to MARC name authority verifier, GS-7, MARC Ed, 91044; Anthony Magri, CRS C, to trainee searcher-filer (editor), GS-5, Cat Publ, 91030; Daniel F. O'Brien, Jr., NLS/BPH, to MARC name authority verifier, GS-7, MARC Ed, 91044, James O'Reilly, to library technician, GS-5, CRS ARS, 91062; Charles Peterson, to library technician, GS-5, CRS C, 91062; Thomas Ragusa, Photodup, to library technician, GS-5, CRS C, 91062; Freddie R. Ross, Jr., to laborer, WG-3, Bldgs, AM-111B; Sharon Russell, to accounting clerk, GS-5, CDS, 91116; Patricia Simpson, to MARC name authority verifier, GS-7, MARC Ed, 91044; Ethel Tillman, to MARC name authority verifier, GS-7, MARC Ed, 91044; Peter Vankevich, Cop Acq & Proc, to junior copyright information specialist, GS-7, Cop Inf & Ref, 91113; Sigrid Vaughn, to senior film editor, GT-6, Photodup, 00069; Ricardo Veasey, Cat Mgmt, to library technician, GS-7, Sci, 91037; Erma Wall, Bldgs, to clerk trainee mail list, GS-3, CS, 91100; Jeri Yaryan, to supervisory copyright bibliographer, GS-11, Cop Inf & Ref, 91112.

Transfers: Hildegard Cote, CRS MAS, to senior specialist secretary, GS-5, CRS S, 00033; Lee Douglas, Share Cat, to MARC name authority verifier, GS-7, MARC Ed, 91044; Renee Kolbe, CS, to senior specialist secretary, GS-5, CRS S, 00033; Jennifer Krebs, CS, to library technician, GS-5, CRS C, 91062; Claudette Lytle, CRS A, to senior specialist secretary, GS-5, CRS S, 00033; Helen McKoy, CRS EPW, to senior specialist secretary, GS-5, CRS S, 00033; Cynthia Makowski, CDS, to MARC name

authority verifier, GS-7, MARC Ed, 91044; James Mohan, NLS/BPH, to reference librarian, GS-9, CRS C, 91064; Steven Permut, Cat Publ, to music cataloger, GS-9, Desc Cat, 91019; Elizabeth Rinn, Subj Cat, to MARC name authority verifier, GS-7, MARC Ed, 91044.

Late April Events

Saturday, April 12

The 37th Annual White House News Photographers Exhibit opens. In the Lower Level Gallery until September 2.

John Full of UPI's photo, "Mirror, Mirror."

Monday, April 14

The Center for the Book will sponsor a program on the "State of the Book World 1980." In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. Open to the public; no tickets are required.

Thursday, April 17

The topic of the Scholars Committee Colloquium will be "Montessori's Legacy to Children." In the Woodrow Wilson Room at 2:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 17
Friday, April 18

The Juilliard String Quartet will perform works by Bartók, Beethoven, and Haydn. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. A limited number of tickets will be distributed free to staff members through the WRA Office beginning the preceding Friday. Tickets are also distributed through Patrick Hayes, 1330 G St. N.W., beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Monday of that week.

Friday, April 18

Deadline for income tax assistance. For further information, call the tax office on ext. 78038.

Monday, April 21

Symposium on the works of Demetrio Aguilera Malta. In the Whittall Pavilion from 2:30 to 5 p.m. To reserve space, call the Hispanic Division on ext. 75400.

An evening of Australian poetry will be provided by Vincent Buckley, David Malouf, and Les Murray. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. No tickets are required.

Tuesday, April 22

"Belgium: An Independent State," an exhibit celebrating the 150th anniversary of Belgian independence, opens. In the Great Hall and Mezzanine Galleries through June 2.

Friday, April 25

The Juilliard String Quartet with pianist Nadia Reisenberg will perform works by Beethoven, Fauré, and Mendelssohn. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. Ticket information given above (April 17-18).

Tuesday, April 29

In honor of the *Belgium Today* observance, Christine D'haen will read her poems. In the Coolidge Auditorium at 8 p.m. No tickets are required.

Staff members who wish to attend programs or other events taking place during their normal working hours should consult their supervisors.

the years 1939-1944 as head of the Catalog Department at the library of the University of California at Los Angeles before spending a brief time on military leave. He came to the Library of Congress for the first time in 1944 as head of the Slavic Cataloging Project, staying until 1946, when he became processing director of the Detroit Public Library, a position he held for 10 years.

Since returning to the Library as Dewey editor and chief of the division, he presided over the editing and publication of the 16th, 17th, 18th, and 19th editions of the Dewey Decimal Classification, the 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th editions of the abbreviated Dewey, as well as numerous manuals and supplementary publications. During his editorship, the number of Library

C. Sumner Spalding, former assistant director (cataloging) of the Processing Department (on the left), greets Mr. Custer during the February 28 retirement reception.

of Congress cataloging records which included the appropriate Dewey Decimal Classification numbers increased from approximately 18,000 to about 120,000 a year. Sales of the Decimal Classification grew during the period of his editorship by over 150 percent.

Mr. Custer received from the American Library Association in 1959 the Melvil Dewey Award for creative professional achievement. He held numerous officies in state and national library organizations and was one of the six founders in 1956 of the Resources and Technical Services Division of the American Library Association. He conducted or participated in workshops and meetings on the Dewey Decimal Classification in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, Belgium, the Netherlands, Germany, India,

Arthur J. Lieb, executive officer in the Office of The Associate Librarian, greets Mr. and Mrs. Custer during retirement ceremonies in the Whittall Pavilion.

and Egypt, as well as in many places in the United States. He was the writer of many articles and reports on the Dewey Decimal Classification. He was given the Distinguished Service Award of the Library of Congress in 1979 for his "many years of excellent service to the Library of Congress and the international library community" during which he succeeded in raising the stature of the Dewey Decimal Classification "both nationally and internationally."

At a retirement reception on February 28 in the Whittall Pavilion, a number of Mr. Custer's friends and past and present colleagues gathered to honor him for his long and distinguished career. Assistant Librarian for Processing Services Joseph H. Howard led off with an account of his career and was followed by John Humphry, executive director of Forest Press, Dewey publishers, who characterized Mr. Custer's work as a "contribution for all time" in the development of a most useful tool in the international library community. Mr. Custer's successor as editor, John P. Comaromi, offered as a farewell tribute, "May you never see the Dewey Decimal Classification less than you left it." Margaret Warren and Emily Spears, long-time staff members in the Decimal Classification Division, also paid warm tribute to Mr. Custer.

Vacancy for Preliminary Cataloger Proves Hard to Fill

A GS-5 vacancy of library technician (preliminary cataloger) for Arabic or Persian or related language

materials in the Descriptive Cataloging Division has proven hard to fill because of an insufficient number of applicants who met the required qualifications under Posting 90913. Applications are invited, therefore, from all persons both inside and outside the Library of Congress who may have an interest in the position and feel that they are qualified. The starting salary at the GS-5 level is $11,243.

The new announcement of the vacancy, Posting 00307, states that the minimum required qualifications must have been met by April 7. The educational requirement at the GS-5 level is two years of college. The language requirement is a reading knowledge of two modern foreign languages, one of which must be Arabic or Persian, sufficient to perform searching, with additional skill in one of the following language areas: African, Arabic-alphabet, Hebraic, western European, Korean, or Chinese.

Other requirements, including test requirements which must be met by May 5, are stated as follows: "Good communication abilities in English sufficient to read, understand and discuss complex cataloging rules; ability to adapt quickly and to work under pressure to meet strict deadlines; passing of the LC clerical test and typing test with a net speed of 25 words per minute; physical stamina to handle books and for standing and bending." Information on the testing requirements may be obtained from the Library's Recruitment and Placement Office, (202) 287-5620.

Briefly stated, the incumbent learns and applies a complex body of cataloging rules and procedural guidelines, organizing bibliographical data and recording it accurately and quickly, (1) in searching manually in the Official Catalog, Process Information File and/or via CRT terminal in the MARC Data Base, or in related manual or machine-readable files, to determine a work's exact bibliographic relationship to the Library's collections; (2) in writing appropriate reports of the results of such searches; and (3) in recommending the appropriate choice and form of entry for new works. The incumbent prepares, manually or on-line via CRT terminal, preliminary entries for new works and editions selected for retention for the collections.

Employees of the Library of Congress may apply through the usual channels. Interested persons outside the Library of Congress may make application by mailing a completed Personal Qualifications Statement and Standard Form 171 (available from any Government agency). All applications should be received within 30 calendar days of the date of this issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*. All applications, which become the property of the Library of Congress, must be sent to the Recruitment and Placement Office, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

Federal Library Committee Announces FEDLINK Workshop

The Federal Library Committee (FLC) will sponsor a workshop highlighting FLC activities and the Federal Library and Information Network (FEDLINK). Contracted commercial and non-commercial on-line information systems and services that are available through the FLC/FEDLINK Office will be discussed and demonstrated.

The workshop will bring to the attention of librarians and information specialists activities in library and information services that are pertinent in the fulfillment of their mission and will advise participants of ongoing FEDLINK programs of cooperation, as well as projected programs under consideration and development by the FLC. The workshop will present information about various on-line information systems (files, system capabilities, off-line products, costs, and developmental plans) as well as offer an opportunity for hands-on experience with the various systems, and will instruct participants as to how they may use the various FEDLINK bibliographic and information retrieval service contracts.

The workshop will be held in Chicago, Ill., on May 21-22 at the Bismarck Hotel (a block of rooms will be reserved at a discounted rate). Hotel reservations cannot be made until registrations for the workshop have been confirmed.

The number of workshop attendees will be limited, and it is advisable, therefore, that registrations are made as soon as possible. There is a registration fee of $125 per person. If a Federal agency is playing the registration fee, Optional Form 37 or its equivalent must be submitted.

Registrations may be made by writing to Pat Dillon, Costabile Associates, 4720 Montgomery Lane, Suite 908, Bethesda, Md. 20014, or by phoning (301) 986-8560.

News in the Library World

AHA Meeting Reporting

The 94th annual meeting of the American Historical Association was held in New York City on December 28-30. Approximately 5,000 historians attended. There were several panels devoted to topics of special interest to manuscript historians and librarians. These included the scholar's duty to disclose information to public authorities, history advisory councils, historians and teachers, freedom of information, student research in archives, and revision of the *Dictionary of American Biography*.

Recent research trends in U.S. history were

reflected in sessions on the National Security Act of 1947, American military power and Presidential decision making in the post World War II period, feminism in the professions, environmental history, and psychohistory. Studies in the area of the "new social history," discussed in the forum section of the *American Historical Review* (December 1979), were represented in sessions concerning poverty in 20th-century America, social engineering in modern America, community organization for social change, and the tramp problem in the United States.

Sessions of particular interest to Latin American and Iberian historians included discussions of the United States in Nicaragua, urban labor movements in Mexico and Brazil, agrarian structure and foreign commerce in 19th-century Latin America, social transformations in Cuba, 19th-century Brazilian social elites, post-conquest adjustment in the Andes, Spanish crusades, urbanization in late 19th-century Latin America, slave revolts in the Caribbean, and 17th-century reform in the Iberian peninsula. During the meeting, various committees of the Conference on Latin American History (CLAH) held sessions including the regional studies groups, the projects and publications committees, and the demography committee.

The recipients of the four annual awards awarded through CLAH were announced at the organization's business meeting. Louis Perez of the University of South Florida received the CLAH prize for his article, "La Chambelona: Political Protest, Sugar, and Social Banditry in Cuba, 1914-1917" in *Inter-American Economic Affairs.* Ann Hagerman Johnson, a contributor to the history section of the *Handbook of Latin American Studies,* received the Robertson Memorial Prize for her article, "The Impact of Market Agriculture in Family and Household Structure in Nineteenth-Century Chile," *Hispanic American Historical Review* (HAHR). Franklin Pease G. Y. of Peru was awarded the Howard F. Cline Memorial Prize for *Del Tawantinsuyu a la historia del Perú* (Lima, Instituto de Estudios Peruanos, 1978). Paul Drake of the University of Illinois received the H. E. Bolton Prize for his work, *Socialism and Populism in Chile, 1932-1952* (Urbana, University of Illinois Press, 1978).

The change of the editorial office of HAHR from the University of Arizona to the University of New Mexico was announced. Distinguished professor John J. Johnson will serve as editor.

The presidential address, "Mirror for Americans: A Century of Reconstruction History," was delivered by John Hope Franklin, University of Chicago. President-elect of the AHA is Bernard Bailyn, Harvard University. The 1980 meeting is scheduled for Washington, D.C. [*Paul T. Heffron* and *John R. Hébert*]

MLA Holds AACR 2 Workshop

On February 26, the Music Library Association held a workshop in San Antonio, Tex., on "AACR 2 for Music Librarians" preceding the association's 1980 conference. The morning session was devoted to addresses dealing with the following topics: the advantages of AACR 2 and how the Library of Congress is approaching AACR 2 (Ben Tucker, Library of Congress); developing rule interpretations for AACR 2 and the relationship between the final draft of ISBD (Printed Music) and AACR 2 (Fred Bindman, Library of Congress); international cooperation in coping with AACR 2 and the question of closing catalogs (Katherine Skrobela, Middlebury College); sound recordings under AACR 2 and machine implications of AACR 2 (Garrett Bowles, University of California, San Diego). Each speaker replied to questions and comments at the conclusion of his or her address.

For the afternoon session, the participants divided themselves into small discussion groups, covering hands-on cataloging, reference implications of AACR 2, machine implications of AACR 2, filing rules authority files/shelflisting, and closing/not closing catalogs. Three Library of Congress staff members served as discussion leaders: Richard Hunter, Harry Price, and David Sommerfield, who are members of the Music Section of the Descriptive Cataloging Division. Other participants were Larry Dixson, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill; Marie Griffin, Rutgers University; Ruth Henderson, City University of New Yok; Marguerite Iskenderian, Brooklyn College; Judy Kaufman, State University of New York at Stony Brook; Connie Nisbet, Northwestern University; Glen Patton, Illinois Wesleyan University; Beth Rebman, Stanford University; Timothy Robson, State University of New York at Stony Brook; Robert Skinner, Southern Methodist University; Richard Smiraglia, University of Illinois; and Judy Weidow, University of Texas at Austin. At the close of the day, the participants reassembled for a wrap-up session during which the leaders summarized each group's discussion and the audience directed further questions to the morning's speakers. [*Ben Tucker*]

DCLA Program Set for April 22

The District of Columbia Library Association Reference Interest Group will hold a program on the reference interview on Tuesday, April 22, from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 315 of the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, 901 G St. N.W. No reservations are necessary. Further information is available from Helen Bergan, 727-1234.

SLA Plans Updated Picture Directory

The Picture Division of the Special Libraries Association is planning *Picture Sources IV*, the fourth edition of the basic reference guide to visual collections in the United States and Canada. Persons wishing to comment on this project should write to the coordinator, Arlene Farber Sirkin, Chief, Still Photo Library Division, United States Army Audiovisual Center, MOAVPL Room 5A-518, Pentagon, Washington, D.C. 20310.

Library of Congress Publications

New Publications

Directory of Federally Supported Information Analysis Centers. ISBN 0-8444-0128-5. Fourth ed. 1979. (ix, 87 p.) Compiled in the Science and Technology Division by the National Referral Center, this is the latest edition of a directory first issued in 1968 by the now defunct Committee on Scientific and Technical Information (COSATI) of the Federal Council for Science and Technology. The 108 entries in the directory describe centers operating within the government, or outside but with Federal support, that have the competence to sift, weigh, analyze, and synthesize information (as distinct from "merely collecting, cataloging, abstracting, and uncritically disseminating documents.") The directory has four indexes: subject, geographic, personal names, and sponsors and other organizations. For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20420 for $4 (Stock No. 030-000-00115-0).

University of Malawi Publications: A Guide. ISBN 0-8444-0324-5. Washington, D.C., 1979. (viii, 41 p.) Part of the Maktaba Afrikana Series (ISSN 0146-8553). Compiled by Fassil Aradoum of the African Section and free to libraries upon request from the African Section, African and Middle Eastern Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540.

The USSR and East Central and Southeastern Europe: Periodicals in Western Languages. ISBN 0-8444-0302-4. Fourth edition, revised. Washington, D.C., 1979. (v, 87 p.) Compiled by Janina W. Hoskins, European Division. For sale for $3.75 from the Superintendent of Documents (Stock No. 030-020-00013-8) or in person only at the Information Counter in the ground floor west entrance lobby of the Library of Congress Building.

Ongoing Publications

Accessions List: India. ISSN 0041-7734. Vol. 19, No. 3. March 1980. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Embassy, New Delhi, India.

Accessions List: Pakistan. ISSN 0041-7777. Vol. 18, No. 12. December 1979. Continuing subscriptions free to libraries upon request to the Field Director, Library of Congress Office, American Consulate General, Karachi, Pakistan.

Digest of Public General Bills and Resolutions. ISSN 0012-2785. 96th Congress, 1st Session. Supplement No. 2 to Cumulative Issue No. 1. 1979. (Various pagings) For sale by the Superintendent of Documents, U.S. Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C. 20402 for $9 this issue or $75 a session of Congress (domestic) and $93.75 a session (foreign) (LC 14.6:96-1/1-2/Supp. 2).

Large-Print Scores and Books Catalog—1980. (56 p.) Part of the Music and Musicians series (ISSN 0363-8472). Lists music scores and books about music available in large-print format. Free on request from the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20542.

LC Science Tracer Bullet: Birth Defects. ISSN 0090-5232. (TB 79-9) November 1979. (10 p.) Compiled by James T. Chandler, this reference aid provides a systematic approach to "literature ranging from the clinical to the more general aspects of the topic. . . . Every year, more than 250,000 babies in the United States are born with birth defects. They may be crippled, mentally retarded, blind, deaf, anemic, or affected in hundreds of other ways." Copies may be obtained free on request from the Reference Section, Science and Technology Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C. 20540. Copies have also been provided to the Superintendent of Documents for distribution to depository libraries.

Library of Congress Catalogs: Films and Other Materials for Projection. ISSN 0091-3294. Annual volume 1978. (583 p.) For sale by the Cataloging Distribution Service, Library of Congres, Washington, D.C. 20541 on a subscription basis only, at $65 a year.

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